



NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd February 2023

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you enjoyed the Half Term break.

We have made an excellent start to the second half of the spring term at LDA.

I am delighted to inform you that we have been recognised for our inclusive approach by being awarded the **Inclusion Quality Mark** for the third consecutive year. We have now been awarded **Flagship status**. The external assessor's report is an absolute pleasure to read. Amongst other positive statements, they commented that:

'There is a real sense of pride to be part of this Academy, which the assessor deemed a pleasure to witness'

'Inclusive practice comes naturally within Lord Derby Academy'

'High quality curriculum planning allows all pupils to study a rich breadth of subjects which provide both choice and challenge to all'.

You will be able to see more quotes from the report on the school's Twitter account (@DT__LDA) over the coming weeks.

We are continuing to reinforce our messages to pupils about being 'LDA Ready' and following the 'LDA Way'. Our pupils are a credit to our school and I really appreciate parental support in ensuring your children have all the correct equipment and an appropriate reading book in their bags and that they are calm and respectful in their conduct around the building and outside of school.

You will be aware that there is further planned strike action by the NEU Teachers' Union on Tuesday 28th February. Further detail has been communicated via the MCAS App and is on the school website but the headline is that school is only open to Year 11 pupils on Tuesday 28th February and is closed to all other year groups.

With best wishes for the weekend,

V. Gowan

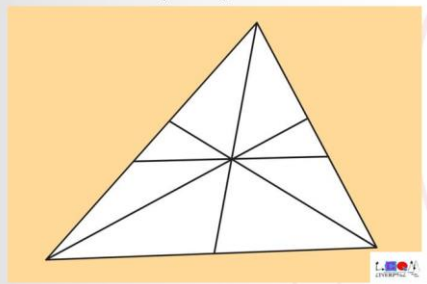
Miss V. Gowan
Headteacher



Victoria Gowan
Headteacher

This week's
Numeracy
puzzle...

How many triangles are there?



Last
week's
answer...

Find the value of the
missing numbers:

$$\begin{array}{r} 8 \quad 2 \quad 4 \\ - 1 \quad 5 \quad 5 \\ \hline 6 \quad 6 \quad 9 \end{array}$$



Enrichment in PE

There are currently a number of PE enrichment opportunities for our pupils to enjoy.

Morning

Basketball – 7.45 to 8.30am Tues – Fri

After school at 3pm

Mon – Basketball

Tues – Netball, Table Tennis and Year 7 Football

Wed – Trampolining, Inter-House Football League

Thurs – Y7/8 non competitive Football

Fri – Y7/8 Dodgeball

Pupils of all abilities are welcome at these PE clubs so come along.



Mr Parr
Head of
Department



Mrs Mills
Deputy Head of
Department



Mr Proctor
Classroom
Teacher



Mrs Morrison
Assistant
Headteacher



Mrs Blackmore
Head of Year 11



Mrs Molyneux
Classroom
Teacher



Mr Torode
Technician

Year 10 GCSE PE

Pupils have continued to work hard with their studies. They have recently completed the Physical Training Unit of work and the end of unit test that accompanies this. Moving forward, they have recently begun the 'Health and Fitness' topic which involves learning about diet, nutrition and somatotypes. The Year 10 pupils have also started on the Performance Analysis component of their course via the google classroom. They will be set a deadline shortly regarding when this part of the coursework must be completed. I would strongly urge all Y10 GCSE PE pupils to attend our Table Tennis / Volleyball clubs which are held each Tuesday and Friday lunchtime. Regular participation in these activities can only increase your child's practical marks.

Pupils and parents can also request extra help by speaking to Mr Parr regarding any issues they are having with GCSE PE work..

Key Stage 3 boys and girls have made a positive start to their PE lessons during the spring term. This half term involves classes across KS3 taking part in activities such as Trampolining, Basketball, Orienteering and Football. As we move closer to the summer term, we continue to encourage all pupils to check the ever changing weather in preparation for PE lessons and bring appropriate kit. We are selling certain items through Bromcom which can be collected from the PE office.

Next half term we will begin our summer sports programme which will include activities such as Athletics, Tennis, Rounders and Softball. Our athletics lessons will include every pupil taking part in a cross country competition as well as a high jump competition. There will also be athletic enrichment activities for pupils to access such as the Dean Trust Active Challenge and the Dean Trust Games. Further details to follow.

Year 11 GCSE Physical Education

It's been a busy few weeks for the Year 11 GCSE PE pupils as final practical assessments are all underway. Rock Climbing, Football, Table Tennis and Athletics assessments have all taken place and over the next two weeks we will complete the Netball, Basketball and Volleyball assessments. The Analysis and Evaluation coursework deadline has now passed and this is being prepared for the Moderator. Our moderation day will take place at the end of March, on this day we will be visited by an external examiner who will watch our pupils perform in a variety of sports. Our final mock exams for GCSE PE will take place after the easter holidays which will give us some important information about any gaps in understanding that pupils still have as we prepare for the real exam.

SPORTS STUDIES

Sports Studies pupils are currently working hard towards completing / improving their coursework. Year 11 are preparing for their practical unit (Developing Sport Skills). Pupils are assessed on their sporting performance, knowledge and application of rules and regulations through the role of an official and on their ability to plan a training programme in order to improve their sporting performance. It is essential that all Year 11 pupils attend all practical intervention sessions and every revision session. Revision sessions are every Friday after school and practical interventions sessions are every Monday and Friday at lunch in the sports hall.

Year 10 pupils are currently studying the Sport Leadership. Pupils have almost finished their second assignment where they have planned their coaching session in a sport of their choice and deliver this session to their peers.